GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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LAND ACQUISITION PROCESS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the land acquisition process in different state is intricate and basically dialatory resulting in inordinate delay for launching and execution of central projects and in the process witnessing heavy cost escalation;

(b) if so, whether the Government have taken fresh initiatives, in consultation with the State Governments to simplify and streamline the existing procedure and system to make it more acceptable and pragmatic; and

(c) if so, the details of the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) & (c) Yes Sir. The Central Government is in the process of amending Land Acquisition Act, 1894 comprehensively with the following objectives.

(i) to give liberal compensation, increase solatium and empower the Collector to make consent award;

(ii) to reduce total time taken in land acquisition process; and

(iii) to increase people`s participation and transparency at all levels in the process of land acquisition.